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SUBJECT: LAINO CASE: FIRST JUDICIAL HEARING SCHEDULED

REF ASUNCION 2891

1. DOMINGO LAINO WILL MAKE HIS FIRST DECLARATION IN COURT
AUGUST 7. JUDGE CANTERO AUGUST 4 SET THE DATE FOR THE HEARING
IN WHICH LAINO WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO THE CHARGE
AGAINST HIM. ONE OF LAINO'S LAWYERS, WHILE TALKING TO THE PRESS
AUGUST 4, HINTED THAT THE PROCEEDING MAY BE CHALLENGED. THE
LAWYER SAID THAT LAINO WOULD APPEAR BUT THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO
SAY WHAT WOULD HAPPEN AS LAINO WAS DETAINED AND IMPRISONED
WITHOUT A GOVERNMENT DECLARATION OF THE NATURE OF HIS CRIME.
THUS, THE LAWYER CLAIMED, THE ENTIRE PROCEDURE IS POLITICAL
NOT CRIMINAL AND LAINO SHOULD NOT BE TREATED AS A COMMON
CRIMINAL.

2. AFTER THIS FIRST HEARING, THE JUDGE HAS TO DECIDE WHETHER
THERE IS SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE CHARGES AGAINST LAINO.
IF NOT, HE CAN ORDER LAINO FREED. OTHERWISE, HE WILL ORDER
IMPRISONMENT UNTIL THE CASE IS FINALLY DECIDED.

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